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1. WE HAVE REACHED CONCLUSION ON POSSIBLE DEFERRAL OF
BG CONSIDERATION OF ROK/IAEA/France TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS
AGREEMENT IN LIGHT OF POINTS RAISED IN REF (C),
ESPECIALLY FACT THAT ROK NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT IS ALSO
SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION AT SEPTEMBER BG, AND HAVE
DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO SEEK SUCH DEFERRAL. WE ARE SO
INFORMING FRENCH AND CANADIAN EMBASSIES HERE.

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2. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 6, REF (C), WE AGREE AS TO

DESIRABILITY OF HAVING ONE OF THE PARTIES TAKE INITIATIVE
ON AMENDED LANGUAGE, AND ARE AWAITING FRENCH REACTION TO
OUR SUGGESTION.

3. AS TO SPECIFICS OF LANGUAGE PROBLEM, WE APPRECIATE
BACKGROUND PROVIDED IN PARA 7, (REF C), REGARDING SECRE-
TARIAT AND FRENCH MOTIVE IN DEVELOPING LANGUAGE THEY DID.
HOWEVER, OUR PROBLEM WITH PHRASE 'ON THE BASIS OF OR BY
THE USE OF' IS THAT BOTH PHRASES ASCRIBE TO THE TECHNOLOGY

INVOLVED A DETERMINATIVE QUALITY WITH RESPECT TO SUB-
SEQUENT FACILITIES. WE DO NOT WISH THE ROK (WITH WHOM
FRENCH MUST CONSULT) TO BE ABLE TO IMPEDE APPLICATION OF
SAFEGUARDS BY MAINTAINING THAT THE FRENCH-SUPPLIED TECH-
NOLOGY WAS NOT AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN CONSTRUCTION OF
SEPARATE PLANT. FORMULATION SUGGESTED TO FRENCH HERE
(PARA 4, REF A) WOULD HELP TO PRECLUDE THIS POSSIBILITY. KISSINGER

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